GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PROCUREMENT OF CROPS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice, sugarcane and other kharif crops procured in Bihar during the last one year till date;

(b) the district-wise number of farmers benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): A quantity of 0.41 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured in Bihar during the previous Rabi Marketing Season 2002-03 whereas the current RMS 2003-04 has started only from 1.4.2003 andwheat procurement is yet to take place. In the Kharif Marketing Season 2001-02, 0.89 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) was procured in Bihar against a quantity of 0.96 lakh tonnes of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) procured upto 23.4.2003 in the current KMS 2002-03. Kharif Coarsegrains have not been procured in Bihar. Sugarcane is not procured by the Central Government.

(b): Procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Price is being undertaken in all thedistricts of Bihar. Therefore, all farmers of Bihar are eligible to claim benefit under the scheme.